

1905. Permanent Issue.The Duty Plates.

There seems to have been prepared a single original engraving for the frame of the stamp, and the different values subsequently added to master-dies prepared from the original. In the original die the scrolls and ornamentation of the side columns are shaded with a number of fine horizontal lines, but while these lines are reproduced quite sharply on some of the values, others show them only faintly, and in the 1 Att value they fail to appear at all. In all but two of the values, however, whatever the strength of the lines, all the stamps on the sheet show them equally, but in the 2 Att and 1 Tical values they only appear on vertical rows 4 and 9, though here they are most definite. This makes the border of the stamp noticeably darker on these rows than on the others.

